

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1010

Introduced by: Representatives Begalka, Bartling, Bradford, Burg, Elliott, Engels, Fryslie, Gassman, Gillespie, Glenski, Hanson, Hargens, Hundstad, Klaudt, Kroger, Lange, Lintz, Miles, Nesselhuf, Peterson (Jim), Putnam, Rhoden, Sigdestad, and Van Norman and Senators Kooistra, de Hueck, Dennert, Duxbury, Ham, Kleven, Kloucek, Koetzle, Moore, Nachtigal, Reedy, Sutton (Dan), and Symens

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Proclaiming South Dakota as the Family Farm and Ranch
2 State.

3 WHEREAS, family farming and ranching have been the economic and social backbone of
4 South Dakota since this state was homesteaded; and

5 WHEREAS, family farming and ranching is a strong and viable economic force where the
6 family unit controls and provides the majority of capital, labor, and management for the farm or
7 ranch operation; and

8 WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown that a vast majority of consumers have a strong
9 regard for family-scale agriculture and the food that it produces; and

10 WHEREAS, studies have conclusively shown that states with strong anti-corporate
11 agriculture laws have fewer families in poverty, lower unemployment rates, stronger cash returns
12 to the farm, and greater rural community well-being; and

13 WHEREAS, the residents of South Dakota have placed a strong value on prosperous rural



1 communities, clean air and water, and viable family farms and ranches:

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
3 eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the State of
4 South Dakota is hereby proclaimed as the Family Farm and Ranch State; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for purposes of economic development, tourism,
6 environmental protection, and agriculture and food promotion that the message "South Dakota,
7 the Family Farm and Ranch State" be used to enhance the state's economic and social position.